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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT

REF: STATE 198666

1. I CARRIED OUT REFTEL INSTRUCTION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY
AUGUST 21 WITH ACTING POLITICAL DIRECTOR JACQUES
LEPRETTE. I ALSO LEFT AIDE MEMOIRE WITH ESSENTIAL EX-
TRACTS FROM REFTEL.

2. LEPRETTE'S INITIAL REACTION WAS THAT GOF IS OPPOSED
TO ORGANIZATION OF AD HOC CONSORTIUM FOR AID COORDINA-
TION PURPOSES. STANDARD CONSULTATIVE GROUP UNDER IBRD
AUSPICES IS PREFERABLE. I POINTED OUT THAT IBRD MANAGE-
MENT HAD APPROVED EGYPTIAN APPEAL FOR EMERGENCY AID,
AND THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION OF ESTABLISHING FORMAL
MECHANISM. IT WAS FULLY EXPECTED THAT EACH CONTRIBUTION
WOULD BE HANDLED BILATERALLY. MAIN OBJECTIVE IS TO LET
EGYPTIANS KNOW THAT EMERGENCY AID WILL BE FORTHCOMING
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QUICKLY DURING THIS CRUCIAL PERIOD, REGARDLESS OF PRO-

CEDURE, SO THAT EGYPT DOES NOT LOSE FAITH IN WESTERN
SUPPORT.

3. LEPRETTE SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW UP ON OUR DEMARCHE
IMMEDIATELY AND WOULD RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH YVES CANNAC, ACTING
SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PRESIDENCY, I MENTIONED THE
FOREGOING IN ORDER TO REINFORCE SENSE OF URGENCY IN GOF.
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